

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2722 - SB 3761

February 19, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Commissioner of Correction to use inmates to refurbish computers. Authorizes local education agencies to distribute refurbished computers, equipment, and technology received from inmate labor and LEA surplus property to low income students who do not have this technology in their home. Requires LEAs who decide to begin these programs to adopt implementation and governance policies and procedures. Encourages LEAs to work with local businesses and community groups to get technology donations and have parent and student organizations refurbish the equipment. Authorizes LEAs to sell or dispose of a computer that is not needed or is unsuitable for low income students, or is better suited for some other use. Defines a low income student as one who is on free or reduced price lunch as defined by federal law.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$7,000/One-Time
\$24,000/Recurring**

Assumptions:

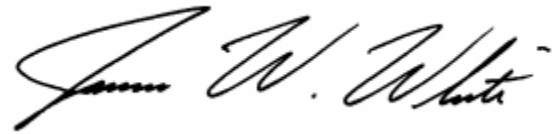
- The Department of Corrections will participate in this program. Current courses offered in computer literacy and computer applications do not encompass the teaching and instruction of refurbishment.
- One part-time contract instructor will be hired at an approximate cost of \$15,000 annually. This instructor will be industry certified.
- According to the Department of Correction, the total one-time increase in state expenditures will be approximately \$7,000. This includes \$2,000 for books and manuals and \$5,000 for tools and supplies.
- Graduates of the course will take a certification test, the cost of which is approximately \$300 per student. It is estimated that approximately 20 students will take the test for a total recurring cost of \$6,000 (\$300 x 20).
- According to DOC, shipping refurbished computers to LEAs will cost approximately \$3,000 annually.
- The total increase in state expenditures will be approximately \$24,000 (\$15,000 + \$6,000 + \$3,000).
- Any increase in local expenditures to administer such programs is estimated to be not significant.
- Computers will be donated. LEAs and low income students will not purchase them.

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- Parent and student organizations that chose to refurbish donated computers will not be compensated by state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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